

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Ryoji WATANABE et al.

Group Art Unit: 2625

Application No.: 10/647,298

Examiner: D. POPOVICI

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Docket No.: 116869

For: IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the June 4, 2008 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-12 are pending.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2 and 4-12 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Tanaka (JP '203). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts that Tanaka discloses synthesizing the read image with the read data. For support, the Office Action cites the Tanaka Abstract, Figs. 24 and 34, and paragraphs [0073], [0125-0128] and [0140-0143]. These passages disclose using IC reader/writer 50 to read an image from an IC chip (e.g. IC chip 3). See Fig. 24. However, these passages do not disclose synthesizing the read image [displayed on the image display member] with the read data, as recited in claim 1 and similarly recited in claims 2, 9 and 11.

The Abstract, paragraph [0073], and Figs. 24 and 34 only disclose reading data from the IC chip and outputting the data (e.g., emitting a sound recording based on the data), so

both the subject matter on the paper and the outputted data are available to a user. See Figs. 24 and 34. These passages do not disclose that the user, or anything else, synthesizes the read image with the read data, as recited in claims 1, 2, 9 and 11.

Paragraphs [0125-0128] and [0140-0143] disclose that data of different media types, as well as layout information, may be read from multiple IC chips and displayed according to the layout. However, these passages do not disclose synthesizing the read image [displayed on the image display member] with the read data, as recited in claim 1 and similarly recited in claims 2, 9 and 11. For example, although Tanaka discloses a photo of a bird 4152 in Fig. 25, Tanaka does not disclose that this photo is read and synthesized with any other read data. Thus, Tanaka does not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claims 1, 2, 9 and 11.

In view of the above, Tanaka does not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claims 1, 2, 9 and 11. Claims 4-8 ultimately depend from claim 2; claim 10 depends from claim 9; and claim 12 depends from claim 11. Thus, Tanaka does not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claims 1, 2 and 4-12. Withdrawal of the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully solicited.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 2 and 4-12 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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